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Today's Weather.

Portland, Dec. 9.—Oregon and Washington—Saturday, rain.

DUTY OF CITIZENS.

Christmas is fast approaching. The children are on the tip toe of expectancy; parents are busy with gifts for children; the stores of Astoria have provided a larger stock of Christmas novelties this year than usual in anticipation of an increased trade.

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fluence for good has been felt and appreciated. The fault is not with those organizations, but with the public who have not accorded them the support they are entitled to.

PLAYED BOTH ENDS, AND WON. Father John of Cronstadt, the eminent prelate of the Greek church, must be given credit for knowing a thing or two.

When Father John was first approached by his majesty, the czar, and asked for a prediction concerning the sex of the expected addition to the Romanoff household, he communed with himself at length and finally gave forth a prediction that "it" would be a girl.

But later there were many manifestations of imperial anxiety and Father John was called on again. The fate of the dynasty was at stake. If another girl came, there was great likelihood that some playful grand duke or other would put a bomb under the czar's bed or add tincture of Roush on Rats to his morning coffee, and St. Petersburg would have another brilliant funeral with Father John's protector playing the principal part.

So the prophet went into seclusion and evolved another prediction. This time he did what the sporting fraternity would call playing a long-shot—he declared that the long-expected son and heir to the troubled throne might be soon expected.

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A GOVERNOR'S MISTAKE. Denver will soon wrest the palm as a rotten borough from Manhattan, Baltimore, Delaware and other places which have been notorious for ballot-box stuffing and political corruption.

Evidently Governor Peabody made a mistake and drove the wrong men out of the state. It should have been the politicians deported instead of the miners.

PIONEER DIES. Mrs. Rosetta Spellmeyer Passes Away at Age of 81.

Mrs. Rosetta Spellmeyer died yesterday afternoon in this city, aged 81 years. She was one of the pioneers of the state. For a long time she has had been bedridden, and her end was due to the encroachment of years.

The aged woman's husband died a couple of years ago at the extreme old age of 101 years. Burial will be Sunday, but the funeral arrangements are not completed. A number of relatives of deceased are in the city.

The Usual Story.

The Portland Journal contained an article yesterday, wherein First Officer Findlay claims that he was subjected to many indignities while the Elleric was lying in quarantine. Like all officers of this class he is of the opinion that he should be taken to a first-class hotel and treated as some noted dignitary.

Big Increase Made.

Chicago, Dec. 8.—In reviewing the building operations in 25 of the principal cities of the United States for the month of November, compared with the same month in 1903, the Construction News tomorrow will say there has been a total increase of about 25 per cent.

CHRISTMAS FOR STRIKERS.

Machinist's Union of Chicago Will be Remembered Christmas. Chicago, Dec. 9.—Although they have been on a strike since May 28, 650 members of the Machinists' union will dine sumptuously this Christmas if they care to do so.

An assessment levied upon the members of the Machinists' union who are still at work will afford the means of obtaining Christmas cheer for the 650 strikers. District lodge No. 8 of the International Association of Machinists has decided to play the part of Santa Claus to the strikers.

ELECTRIC LINE DEAL.

Huntington Acquires Some More Interests in Los Angeles.

San Francisco, Dec. 9.—The Call says today that Banker I. W. Hellman has sold his interests in the Pacific Electric Railroad Company of Los Angeles to Henry E. Huntington.

The Pacific Electric Railroad of Los Angeles is the biggest system of its kind in that city. It controls the interurban lines, which for a time threatened to make war between the Southern Pacific Company and the street railway owners.

H. E. Huntington leaves today for New York to meet Mr. Harriman.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH.

Will Be Established Between Seattle and Port Townsend.

Seattle, Dec. 9.—Within the next few days Seattle will be connected with Port Townsend, Fort Casey, Friday Harbor and Victoria, B. C., by wireless telegraph, and messages will in a short time be received for transmission.

Apparatus has been established on the top of "Queen Anne" hill in his city, and also on the revenue cutter Grant, so that communication can easily be had with the shore while the cutter is in these waters.

ELIJAH FOR AFRICA.

British Government Offers Territory to the Zionists.

New York, Dec. 9.—The commission of inquiry to examine the territory in East Africa offered by the British government by the Zionists will, according to a Times dispatch from London sail for East Africa this month and will probably report early in April.

It consists of Major Gibbons, an African explorer; Dr. Wilburch, a civil engineer, and Prof. Kaiser, scientific advisor to the Northwest Cameroon Company.

Colorado Governor.

Denver, Dec. 10.—The supreme court today heard arguments on a motion which has an important bearing upon the result of the election of governor and members of the legislature in this state.

Attorneys representing the republican party have asked the supreme court, which has assumed original jurisdiction in the local election cases, to order the Denver election commission to throw out the entire vote in which it is alleged the court's order relating to watchers was violated, without an investigation to determine the number of legal votes cast and without opening the ballot box.

Should the court order the vote of this precinct thrown out, the attorneys for the republicans will demand similar action in respect to about fifty precincts in which it is charged that the court's orders were violated.

All these precincts gave majorities for Alva Adams for governor, and by throwing out the returns the republican managers hope to overcome Adams' majority of about 11,000 in the state, and continue Governor Peabody in office. The control of the state senate also appears to hinge upon the decision on this matter.

Diaz Stands Pat.

City of Mexico, Dec. 9.—President Diaz has reappointed the entire cabinet, also asking the congressional sanction thereto.

\$25 Reward.

To the parties that circulated the report that there was a number of Senby Gas engines on the Columbia river that would not run and were laid aside for "scrap iron," I will pay the above reward for the name of each owner of said engines furnished me through the Astorian.

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ALL CAN DRINK

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the payment by towns, cities and counties, to any person who has taken out a license, and then by reason of prohibition being voted in his precinct must quit prior to the termination of his license, of a proportionate share of the license money paid.

Heap Much Gone.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 9.—A special to the Eagle from Coffeyville, Kan., says that A. B. Hearst was blown up in the explosion of a magazine of 800 quarts of nitro-glycerine.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Parker House.

Chas. Sneed, U. S. A. A. L. Bond, Portland. C. C. Day, Seattle. H. McIntyre, Portland. Lee Millam, Portland. Thos. Jones, City. H. C. Stockwell, Los Angeles, Cal. H. W. Hanson, Westport. R. H. Hanson, Westport.

To the Public.

Notice is hereby given that polling place for precinct number six in the city of Astoria, for the election to be held on the 14th day of December, 1904, has been moved from the old Adair schoolhouse to the mess house near McGregor's mill.

GLOF ANDERSON, Auditor and Police Judge.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

A Large and Varied Assortment at Ekstrom's.

Here are a few articles which will make suitable and handsome Christmas presents for anyone. All popular and stylish, cheap in price, but high in quality. Read: Silver novelties in numerous different patterns, handsome cut glass pieces, sterling silverware, ebony goods in brushes, glasses and toilet sets, fancy umbrellas and canes, match boxes, tableware, fine chains, chafing dishes, carving sets, special watches, diamonds, broches and a thousand other things.

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For Sale—A lot of nice household furniture, as good as new. Inquire of Mrs. R. G. Owens, 171 Exchange St.

Best meals in town at the New Style Restaurant.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad's New Through Service.

Effective November 27th, 1904, and thereafter, a new daily train will be inaugurated, leaving Grand Central passenger station, Chicago, at 10:30 p. m., for Akron, Cleveland, Youngstown, Pittsburg and intermediate points, connecting at Pittsburg with "Duquesne Limited" for Philadelphia and New York, and with train No. 10 for Washington, D. C., and Baltimore.

This train will be equipped with first-class day coaches, Pullman sleepers and dining car service.

On all through tickets stop-over will be allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia, not to exceed 10 days at each place.

For further particulars address, Peter Harvey, General Agent, Room 1, Hobart Bldg., San Francisco. D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic Baltimore, Md. B. N. Austin, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

Notice to Stockholders.

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia River Packers Association will be held at the offices of the company at Astoria, Oregon, on December 12th, 1904, at 11 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of electing Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be considered.

Astoria, Or., Nov. 28, 1904. GEO. H. GEORGE, Sec'y.

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